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FOLLOWING REPEAT CARACAS 3063, ACTION SECSTATE INFO NSC
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CHECK LIST FOR FOLLOW-UP TO PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A CHECK LIST OF ITEMS ON WHICH FOLLOW-UP ACTION BY US IS INDICATED. THERE WERE FEW SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS OR PROMISES MADE DURING THE SUBSTANTIVE BILATERALS, BUT THERE WERE A LARGE NUMBER OF AREAS AND OPPORTUNITIES ON WHICH FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS ARE IMPLIED OR INDICATED. IF, IN FACT, THERE IS NO FOLLOW-UP IN THESE AREAS (SUCH AS CONTINUED ON-GOING CONSULTATIONS/BRIEFINGS) THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WILL IN RETROSPECT LOSE ITS VALUE AND IMPACT.

2. A. PANAMA CANAL: PRESIDENT PEREZ GAVE PRESIDENT CARTER A MEMO CONTAINING LANGUAGE WORKED OUT WITH PANAMANIAN MINISTER ROYO WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECOND TREATY'S
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RATIFICATION TO OFFSET THE IMPACT OF THE DECONCINI RESERVATION. PEREZ WILL BE ANXIOUS TO HAVE OUR REACTION AFTER THAT MEMO HAS BEEN STUDIED. ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD INFORM PEREZ IN DE COURSE OF OUR REACTION.

B. NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION: THE TWO PRESIDENTS SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME DISCUSSING THE BRAZIL REPROCESSING

PROBLEM. GIVEN PEREZ' INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION, AND THE FACT THAT THIS TOPIC IS A CONSTANT THEME EACH TIME THE TWO PRESIDENTS MEET, PEREZ WILL BE ANXIOUS TO HEAR WHAT TRANSPIRED IN BRAZIL; HE WILL SURELY ASK IF WE DO NOT VOLUNTEER IT. ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD PROVIDE PEREZ WITH AN APPROPRIATE BRIEFING OF THE EXCHANGE WITH GEISEL ON THIS SUBJECT.

C. BRIEFINGS ON MID-EAST AND AFRICA. VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN THESE TOPICS IS PERSISTENT. PRESIDENT CARTER SPECIFICALLY PROMISED TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSES TO ANY QUERIES AS TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, AND THE PRESIDENTIAL LETTER ON AFRICA (STATE 28789) IMPLIES CONTINUOUS CONSULTATION REGARDING THAT REGION. ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD PROVIDE PEREZ WITH ON-GOING BRIEFINGS ON KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE TWO AREAS.

D. BELIEZ: PEREZ PROPOSED A JOINT EFFORT (A) TO ELABORATE A FORMULA RESOLVING THIS PROBLEM AND (B) TO SELL IT TO PRICE. WE INDICATED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY THIS PROBLEM. ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD (A) KEEP PEREZ UP TO DATE ON OUR PERCEPTIONS AND (B) DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY PARTICULAR PROPOSAL WE WISH TO PROPOSE OR TO ENCOURAGE.

E. NICARAGUA; PEREZ PROPOSED JOINT ACTION THROUGH OAS
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TO PLACE PRESSURE ON SOMOZA. IN HIS PRESS STATEMENTS PRESIDENT CARTER STATED WE SHOULD PRESS FOR INVESTIGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THROUGH OAS AND UN. ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD KEEP PEREZ INFORMED OF OUR PERCEPTIONS AND ACTIONS; WE SHOULD DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY FURTHER ACTION WE SHOULD JOINTLY TAKE WITH GOV, ESPECIALLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS.

F. CONVENTIONS/SL ARMS RESTRAINT: PRESIDENT CARTER SUGGESTED PEREZ TAKE SOME INITIATIVES TO REVIVE THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO, AND PROMISED TO SUPPLY HIM WITH PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON ARMS TRANSFERS AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF IDEAS (THIS HAS BEEN SUPPLIED). ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD STAY IN TOUCH WITH GOV TO ENCOURAGE A VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE, AND PASS TO PEREZ ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE MIGHT HELP HIM.

G. NORTH/SOUTH: PRESIDENT CARTER PROPOSED THE POSSIBILITY OF STAFF DISCUSSIONS AT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER'S LEVEL WITH A FEW KEY COUNTRIES TO DEFINE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS AND REPORT BACK TO THE "LEADERS." DISCUSSION ALSO INDICATED

THE UTILITY OF CLOSE CONSULTATION BILATERALLY ON THESE ISSUES, INCLUDING MTN. THERE WAS SOME FOLLOW-UP ON THESE SUGGESTIONS BY NSC STAFF MEMBER GUY ERB (CARACAS 2946). WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED A VISIT BY AMBASSADOR WOLF FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOV AND SELA ON MTN (CARACAS 3003). ACTION REQUIRED: (A) WE SHOULD DETERMINE A FEASIBLE FORMAT FOR MULTILATERAL STAFF DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULT WITH GOV THEREON; (B) WE SHOULD UNDERTAKE SYSTEMATIC BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS, BEGINNING WITH COMMON FUND BY MEANS OF VISITS TO CARACAS BY KEY US STAFF PERSONNEL. (C) AMBASSADOR WOLF SHOULD STOP IN CARACAS FOR MTN CONSULTATIONS. (D) APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SHOULD VISIT CARACAS TO BRIEF GOV ON CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.

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H. LOS: PRESIDENT CARTER PROPOSED HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS ON LOS ISSUES AS EARLY AS THE WEEK OF APRIL 3. ACTION REQUIRED: SPECIFIC POSPOSAL FOR SUCH A DISCUSSION SHOULD BE MADE TO GOV SOONEST.

I. ENERGY--MARKET: PEREZ IN EFFECT ASKED FOR A LONG-TERM UNDERSTANDING ON THE US MARKET FOR VENEZUELAN CRUDE AND RESIDUAL IN RETURN FOR STABILITY OF SUPPLY. HE ALSO ASKED IF USG WOULD PURCHASE RESIDUAL FUEL OIL FOR ITS STRATEGIC RESERVE. PRESIDENT CARTER INDICATED HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER. PEREZ ALSO RAISED SPECIFIC CONCERNS REGARDING TARIFFS AND LEGISLATION (HASKELL AMENDMENT). ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD (A) DETERMINE IF WE DESIRE TO PROMOTE ANY LONG-TERM MARKETING ARRANGEMENT TO INSURE SECURITY OF SUPPLY AND WHAT ITS OUTLINES MIGHT BE; (B) DETERMINE OUR POSITION REGARDING THE HASKELL AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE EXPANSION ACT OF 1962 AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS IT WOULD POSE; (C) DETERMINE IF THE USG WOULD PURCHASE FUEL OIL FOR THE STRATEGIC RESERVE AND INFORM GOV OF PROCEDURES.

J. ENERGY--OIL TARIFFS: PEREZ GAVE US AN AIDE MEMOIRE ARGUING THAT TARIFFS ON VENEZUELAN OIL AND RESIDUALS VIOLATE THE 1972 COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. WE HAVE FORWARDED THIS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON (CARACAS 3048). ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD DETERMINE OUR POSITION ON THIS CLAIM AND RESPOND TO GOV.

K. ENERGY-TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION: PEREZ AND MINISTER HERNANDEZ ASKED FOR WAYS OF PROVIDING TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE TAR BELT. ACTION REQUIRED: WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THERE IS

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ANYTHING WE CAN DO AS A GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE US
PARTICIPATION IN TAR BELT DEVELOPMENT, EITHER OFFICIAL
OR PRIVATE. VANKY UNQUOTE. VANCE

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